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In re PATENT application of:)
 Hisashi OHTANI et al.) Art Unit: 2814
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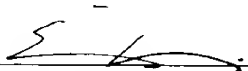
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in an Office Action dated October 11, 2001, in the pending parent application of the subject application, namely 09/550,598. Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

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